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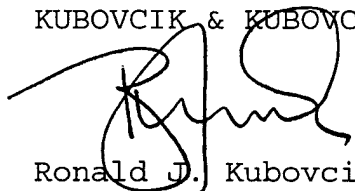
The amendments are supported in the specification disclosure by the description of the albumin useful in the present invention.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned **"VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."**

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claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) An albumin preparation containing amino acids comprising serum albumin, a plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids and water.

2. (Amended) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of the serum albumin is 0.01 to 1.0 w/v %.

5. (Amended) An albumin preparation as claimed in claim 1, wherein a content of the serum albumin is 0.01 to 1.0 w/v %, a content of said plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids is 5 to 10 w/v %, a content of the branched amino acids is equal to or more than 30 w/w % on the basis of a content of total amino acids, and a Fischer ratio (branched amino acid/[phenylalanine + tyrosine] (molar ratio)) is equal to or more than 20.

6. (Amended) albumin preparation comprising 0.01 to 1.0 w/v

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% of serum albumin, 5 to 10 w/v % of a plurality of amino acids containing branched amino acids, a content of branched amino acids of 30 w/w % or more on the basis of a content of total amino acids, and a Fischer ratio (branched amino acid/[phenylalanine + tyrosine] (molar ratio)) of 20 or more, the plurality of amino acids having the following composition:

amino acid	content ratio (w/w %)
L-threonine	2.0 to 6.0
L-serine	2.0 to 8.0
L-proline	2.0 to 11.0
L-cystein	0 to 2.0
glycine	1.0 to 12.0
L-alanine	4.0 to 12.0
L-valine	10.0 to 14.0
L-methione	0 to 2.0
L-isoleucine	8.0 to 16.0
L-leucine	10.0 to 17.0
L-phenylalanin	0 to 2.0
L-tryptophan	0 to 2.0
L-lysine	3.0 to 10.0
L-histidine	1.0 to 5.0
L-arginine	7.0 to 21.0
L-aspartic acid	0 to 3.0
L-glutamic acid	0 to 6.0
L-tyrosine	0 to 1.0

the content ratio being a ratio by weight to total amino acids.